

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 19 as follows. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A process for treating corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof, comprising:

a) contacting the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof with at least one agent ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin, organic sulfur containing compounds, ~~thiosulfate, and sodium dithionite~~, thereby producing agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof; and

b) wet processing or wet milling the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof.

2. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the agent is utilized in a liquid form.

3. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 further comprising contacting the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof with a solution.

4. (Original) The process according to claim 3 wherein the solution is selected from the group consisting of an aqueous solution, an organic solution, and mixtures thereof.

5. (Original) The process according to claim 4 wherein the solution comprises water.

6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the agent is a non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin organic sulfur containing compound selected from the group consisting of thioglycolic acid, mercaptoethanol, bis(2-mercaptoethyl)sulfone, dithiothreitol, formamidesulfonic acid, dithioerythritol, dimethyl sulfide, thiourea, methyl mercaptan, 2-mercaptoethanesulfonic acid, 3-mercapto-1-propanol, 1-propanethiol, 2-propanethiol, thiolactic acid, thioglycerol, butyl mercaptan, benzenethiol, benzyl mercaptan, diethyldithiocarbamate, N-ethylmaleimide, thiocyanate, and mixtures thereof.

7. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is dithiothreitol.

8. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is mercaptoethanol.

9. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thioglycolic acid.

10. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is dimethyl sulfide.

11. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is bis(2-mercaptoethyl)sulfone.

12. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thiourea.
13. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thiolactic acid.
14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are contacted with an amount of agent of at least 0.001 mole/kg corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof.
15. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are contacted with an amount of agent of at least 0.001 mole/kg to about 2 mole/kg corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof.
16. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are contacted with the agent for a period of at least about 1 minute.
17. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are contacted with the agent for a period of at least about 1 minute to about 72 hours.
18. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the wet processing or the wet milling produces.
19. (Currently amended) A process for producing a fermentation feedstock comprising
  - a) contacting corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof with at least one ~~agent selected from the group consisting of~~ non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin, organic sulfur containing compounds, ~~thiosulfate, and sodium dithionite~~ to produce agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof; and
  - b) wet processing or wet milling the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof to produce a starch stream and/or a protein stream; and
  - c) using said starch stream and/or said protein stream in a fermentation feedstock.
20. (Canceled)
21. (Original) A fermentation feedstock produced according to claim 19.